### THE NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FIRE FIGHTING

(In Greensboro the Volunteer Firemen Are Remembered.

#### ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE

Only Those Who Have Been Present at Fifty Per Cent of the Fires of the Year Get a Christmas Present. Other Greensboro News.

Special Dispatch to The Times.) GREENSBORO, N. C., December 24-All members of the voluntier fire compunies here who have attended fifty per Small Pill. cent of the tires this year were given a Nmas present at an extra session of the City Council last night, ranging from to the sie, according to their percentage or extendance.

A hagman on the freight train from Rahigh rast might had his fett elbow crushed between the bumpers of two

The Greensboro Ice and Coal Company received last night direct from the immes in Pennsylvama the first carload of anthe residual sees here in egut months. It while the coar sees here in egut months. It while sond at MIP per ion. People here have been independent of coal for fuel, as the best seasoned oak wood can be bought in carload iots, delivered, at \$1.00 per cord. Cities near by, that have to jay \$4.00 to \$9.00 per cord for wood, with each tip and this with envy.

will lead this with envy.

A Gulford county convict, Waddill Greer, who escaped two years ago, was captured last night in Charactic and a deputy went after him to-day. He served but two months of a three years' sen-

hast Friday morning, after the bold Last Friday mothing, after the obder roblery of the clothing store of Chishom & Heess the night before. Chief of Police Stott said the thieves were negroes and came here from Virginia. This morning this progness was confirmed by a telefrom from Richmond, saying that a new with the Greensborb virm's name on it, had just been pawned there by a negro. Every effort will be made to identity or locate the holder of the pawn

The train going to Raleigh and Greens-The train going to Raiegn and Greens-boro had on six extra passenger and two begage coaches this morning to accom-modate the Normal students geing home in coat direction for the Christmas holi-days, which will last until January 5th. About one hundred left on the midnight train in that direction last night.

Di. Joe E. Grimsiy, a leading physician of Snow Hill, Greene county, will locate here with his family in January.

Judge Fred. Strudwick, formerly of Hillsboro, N. C., but who fourteen years ago moved to Scattle, Washington, where

he acquired fame, fortune and a family, is rented a law office here and is to-day looking for residence property. His family of five will come here for permanent residence next month.

Hon, Spener Blackburn, Congressman from the Fighth North Carolina Confrom the Eighth North Carolina Congressic I District, who was recently married to a Washington belle and hair-

merried to a Washington belle and infreess, will permanently locate in Greensbore in March, after the expiration of his present term in Congress.

A large number of prominent people went to Oak Ridge to-day to attend the marriage of Mr. A. B. Kimball, a leading lawyer here, to Miss Cora Dannell.

#### TO THEIR EMPLOYEES

The Duke Company at Durham Doubles Their Pay at Christmas.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) D. A.M. N. C., Dec. 24.—In clesing flown yesterday for the Chr.s.mas helidays the Duke branch of the American Tobacco Company duplicated the amount due each employe, making them in the aggregate a gift of some six thousand or more dollars. The superintendents were presented with handsome presents by the employes.

jured. He is now at a hospital.

J. P. Wingo and Miss J. S. Claiborne,
both of Nottoway county, Virginia, were

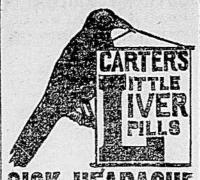
both of Nettoway county, Virg married in Durham last night. To-morrow the Elks will entertain the poor children of the town with a Christ-mas tree and useful gifts, and in addi-tion will let them have the pleasure of seeing a mannee performance by the Harrison-Parkinson Stock Company, who have an engagement here for the week.

#### WAS AT PEKIN

Death of a Young Veteran Who Served Bravely in the China Campaign,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RU—ORDTON, N. C., Dec. 24.—
O. P. Hicks, a son of Dr. Oliver Hicks, of Caroleen, N. C., died of heart discase at Atlanta yesterday and will be brought here for burial to-day. He was here and was about 35. born and raised here and was about 26 years old at the time of his death. He entered the artillery service of the United States Army in 1808, and was as-



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Small Dose. Small P. Ice.

was taken. He served continuously his term of enlistment, three years, and was mustered out in 1901 at 52n Fran-

# LARGE INCREASE

The Inceased Receipts Wil Admit of Extended Work.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.—The Baptist State Board of Missions met in annual session here to-day and made apnual session here to-day and made ap-propriations for the next year's work in accordance with pledges made at the re-cent State Convention at Durham, the basis being \$25,000 for all purposes. The Foreign Mission fund was increased from \$14,000 to \$20,000, and the home missions from \$8,000 to \$10,000, mak-

ring a total advance of \$11,00.

Pledges at Durham will enable the board to supply some adultional foreign field not yet decided upon.

Last year 447 churches and 279 preaching stations were given financial aid by the board. There will be considerable increase this year.

#### SURYEY COMPLETED

Work Progresses on the Line from Ashevi Ie to Rutherfordton.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) RU. AFORDION, N. C., Dec. 24.— The surveying corps of the Rutherford-ton, Hickory Mountain Gap and Asheville Railroad have finished their survey from Cone Creek to this place and are to-day engaged in locating a site for a depot in town. To-morrow they will commence a survey from Cone Creek to Asheville. The people of Asheville are very much interested in this proposed road and are greatly encouraged by the report made by ...e engineers thus far. Our people are delighted with the prospects for a depot within the corporate limits of town and it is believed that the other roads will ask for a union depot when this read is a certainty.

#### THE MILLER INQUEST

Coronor's Jury Fi ds That the Stevenson Brothers Caused His Death.

(Special Dispatch to The Times)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December
24.—The colorer's jury rendered a verdict this afternoon that John Miller, the young man who was found in a well yesterday afternoon, came to his death at \$3 was found in Ruius Stevenson's pocket after he committed suicide. After the post-mortem examination the county physician stated that Miller was alive. when he st uck the water in the we'l. Several w tnesses testified to seeing the two brothers and Miller together late Sunday evening. Sandy is in jail. He will

# Conductor Light, of the Seaboard Air the hands of Rufus and Sandy Steven-line, was struck by a Southern passen-ger train last night and painfully ir- two brothers. Miller's purse, containing be held for trial in the Superior Court Double Wed in ; at Columbus. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) RUTHERFORDTON, N. C. December 24—A beautiful double wedding occurred at Columbus, Polk county, at 16 o'clock this morning when Hon James P. Morre 24.—A beautiful double wedding occurred at Columbus, Polk county, at 10 o'clock this morning when Hon James P. Morre was married to Miss Mamie McFarland and Mr. J. Hughon Hill to Miss Birdle McFarland, sister to Miss Mamie, The and Mr. J. Hughlon Hill to Miss Birdle McFaeland, sister to Miss Mamie. The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Morris is the Democratic representative-e ect of Poik county, and is one of the best known and popular attorneys in that county. Mr. Hill is one of Rutherfordton's popular young men. The Misses McFariand a e daughtes of Mrs. Apric M. McFariand of Columbus. Nigned to Captain Elley's Battery. Young Hicks saw service in Cuba, the Philippines and China and water the ceremony of the walls of Peltin, where Captain ... oy was killed, and was one they will remain until the opening of the of the first to enter the city after it North Carolina Legislature. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND NEW YEAR WISHES JULIUS SYCLE & SONS

Extend their most cord'al gratitude to their patrons for past favors,

and by their solicitude in the future

the fi m carnestly hopes to merit a

continuance of the same generous

patronage.

### ANNUAL REPORT ON RAILROADS

The Corporation Commission's Statistics of Great Interest.

THE REDUCTION IN FARE

The Commision Regards This as the Most Important Work of the Year. Some Increase in the State During the Year.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) RALEIGH, N. C., December 24,-The

North Carolina Corporation Commission. in their annual report, issued to-day, give much valuable information concerning railroads, street railways, banks and other corporations in the State. The report states that the most important work of the year was the reduction of passenger fares over the Seaboard Air Line, Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railways, the two and three-quarters cents per mile second class and three and a quarter cents first class being applied to main and branch lines alike in the State.

branch lines alike in the State.

Two hundred and fifty-nine complaints were brought before the commission during the year, principally about overcharges, discriminations, failure to provide cars, etc. Most of the causes of these complaints, the report states, were removed with reasonable promptness upon service of notice on the proper authorities, Some notable features of the statistical port of the report are that there are 3.651 95-100 miles of railroad in the State, a gain of 30.82 miles over last year. The Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard Air I ine and Southern control more than three-fourths of the mileage—Atlantic Coast Line, 949.77; Seaboard Air Line, 611.52; Southern, 1.289.26.

The tax valuation of railroad property is \$42.627.261.57, and the grand total of rail-road and other public depreparations is \$16.205.226. The total earnings of railroads are \$16.476.173.56; operating expenses, \$10.are \$16.476.173.56; operating capacity of rail-187.100.64. There are 11.401 employes of railroads, who receive \$4,452,799 in wages

During the past year accidents resulted in seventeen killed and 300 injured on the C'cast Line; forty-nine killed and 517 injured on the Southern; eighteen killed and 204 injured on the Seaboard Air Lins, and three killed and forty-seven injured on miscellaneous roads. Total, eighty-sev-en killed and 1,983 injured.

en killed and 1,063 injured.

Since 1899 the capital, deposits and resources of State, private and savings hanks have increased—capital from \$2.207.-237 to \$3.513.564 deposits, from \$7.477.512 to \$34.06.775; resources, from \$11.275.490 to \$20.725,288. In 1899 there were sixty-five banks; now there are 120—State, eighty-three; private, twenty-three; savings, fourteen. Thirry bull-ling and loan asso-ciations have \$2,020,676 resources.

The Secretary of State to-day chartered the W. W. Mills Company, of Raleigh, with \$200,000 capital, to do a general lumber business and construct and operate tramways in Hamill, Wilson, Johnson, Nash and Cumberland countles, W. W. Miller, principal incorporator, is president of the Carolina Trust and Banking Comof the Carolina Trust and Banking Com-pany, of Raleigh. He has \$100,000 of the

for days, call a special election in the State Senatorial District composed of Madison, Mitchell and Tancey counties for by his brother.

manent educational fund now amounts to \$194.179.18. It consists of \$143.350 in four per cent. bords: \$2.000 in six per cent. per cent, bonds; \$2,000 in six per cent, bonds; \$48,970.18 cash proceeds from the sale of State swamp lands.

The State Board of Charities closed their annual meeting here last night. The prin-cipal feature was the hearing of the re-port of Secretary C. B. Denson. It gives a statement of the advancement of puba statement of the State since 1897; gives statistics and conclusions regarding the cost of the poor to the State and the deficiencies of the system for their care. The report is voluminous and will be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

### CALL ON PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.— President Roosevelt this afternoon re-ceived the visiting delegates attending the blennial convention of the Sigma Alpha Enislon Fraternity, now in session here The introductions were made by Judge

the erected at Tuscaloosa, Ala., on the grounds of the University of Alabama, where the fraternity was founded in 1856. The fraternity will meet in Tuscalooss in 1995, when the fiftleth anniversary of the founding of the order will be fittingly celebrated and the building dedicated. The proposed memorial structure is an enlargement of the original plan to erect a menument to the memory of Mr. Devotia.

Emigration to the West.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) MURPHY, N. C., December 24.—A jarge party of emigrants left here a few drys party of emigrants left here a few drys age for Oklahoma Territory, where they will make their future home. A large number of people leave from this resim for the West every fall, but they generally return. They state that they were informed that it is easier to get ten dollars out there than to get a bushel of corn here. There is considerable industrial activity in this section is necessarily trial activity in this section at present. Several immense tracts of timber land have been sold and will be develope.

#### ENGLISH RESIDENT DRAGGED TO DEATH

(Special Dispetch to The Times.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Dec. 24.—Mr. John Hoopes, an English resident of Albemarle county for about two years, was dragged to death last night about midnight on the road between the Rivenna Bridge and Pantops.
Mr. Hoopes and his friend, Mr. William Flowers, started home together. Mr. Hoopes was drinking, and as the horse he was driving turned the caner of the bridge he was thrown from his seat. His foot became caught in the reins or over the step of the buggy, it is not known which, and he was dragged a considerable distance.
When found Mr. Hoopes' coat and vest were torn from his body and his shirt was cut into threads.

The intense cold had frozen bim almost effect of the way when found the house of the heads.

The intense cold had frozen him almost stiff, and when found life had been extinct for several hours.

### ENGINES COLLIDE

Passenger Train Strik's Switch Engine



*Ignorance* 

the newspapers with a jest and an obituary notice. "Didn't know it was loaded" may be an honest plea, but it never brought a victim back to life. Those who let a cough run on. in ignorance of the danger, find no escape from the consequences when the cough de-velops into lung trouble.

The best time to kill a snake is in the egg. The best time to cure a cough is when it starts. Ordinarily, a few doses of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medof Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure a cough at the beginning. But even when the cough is deep-seated, the lungs bleed and the body is wasted by emaciation, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will in ningby-sight Discovery will in ninety-eight cases out of every hundred effect a perfect and permanent cura.

a perfect and permanent cure.

"My husband had been coughing for years and people frankly told me that he would go into consumption," writes Mrs. John Shireman, of No. 265 25th Place, Chicago. Ill. "He had such terrible coughing spells we not only grew much elarmed but looked for the bureting of a blood-vessel or a hemorrhage at most any time. After three days' coughing he was too weak to cross the room. The doctor, did him no good. I stated the case to a druggist, who handed me a bettle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. My husbands recovery was remerkable. In three days after he began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery he was up and around, and in two more days he went to work. Two bottles cured him."

The Common Sense Medical Adviser.

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age to the two engines and for the time frightening the passengers.

The incoming train was running at the rate of twenty miles an hour when the

crash came. The switch engine struck was on the main line, just at a switch entrance main line, just at a switch entrance which had been thrown to allow it to clear for the passenger train. Engineer Thompson was in charge of

this engine, while Engineer Wood was pulling No. 2. The latter, after applying the brakes on his train, jumped and escaped injury. No one was hurt, though the two engines were broken and the F train delayed an hour or more.

### GEN, FITZ LEE MAY RE-ENTER POLITICS

Is Beginning to Take Considerable Interest in Public Affairs ..

It would cause no great surprise should General Flizhugh Lee again enter poli-tics in Virginia in the near future and become an active factor in the affairs of the Democratic party in the State. Whether General Lee has any idea of aspiring to office is altogether another question, but he is beginning to take considerable interest in political matters, and discusses the situ if in freely with his end discusses the situation freely with his close friends. There are many reasons for the belief that General Lee is not averse to again getting into the whirlpool of politics. He is making his home in Virginia and has always had a fondness for public affairs. Again, it is known that while he may not offer for any office himself, he has his own ideas about connurselt, he has his own heas about con-queting party sifairs, and that further he would shed no tars to see some old scores evened up, even should some one of his way of thinking rather than him-self be the direct beneficiary of the transeation. In discussing the matter other night. General Lee said that he was often tempted to jump in and take a hand in some of the games that are played from time to time, and those close to him expect him to do so at alpicst any time.

#### PROF FORNEY KILLED WHILE HUNTING SPARROWS

(By Associated Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, ALA., December 24 .-Professor Jacob Forney, of the State University, was accidentally killed here to-day while shooting sparrows with a parlor rifle. Professor Forney was a son of the late Major-General John H. Forney, of the Consederate army.

### NOBODY IS EXEMPT.

A New Preparation Which Everyone Will Need Sooner or Later,

Almost everybody's digestion is disordered more or less, and the commonest thing they do for it is to take some one of the many so-called blood purifiers, which in many cases are merely strong eathartics. Such things are not needed. If the organs are in a clogged condition they need only a little help and they will right themselves. Cathartics irritate the sensitive linings of the stomach and bowels and often do more harm than

Purging is not what is needed. The Purging is not what is needed. The thing to do is to put the food in condition to be readily digested and a similated. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do this perfectly. They partly digest what is eaten and give the stomach just the lelp it needs. They stimulate the secretion and excretion of the digestive fluids and relieve the congested condition of the glands and membranes. They put the whole digestive system in condition to do its work. When that is done you need take no more tablets, unless you eat what does not agree with you. Then take one or two tablets—give them needed help and you will have no trouble.

take one or two tablets—give them needed help and you will have no trouble. It's a common sense medicine and a common sense treatment, and it will cure every time. Not only cure the disease, but cure the cause. Goes about it is a perfectly sensible and scientific way. We have testimonials enough to fill a book, but we don't publish many of them. However, Mrs. E. M. Falth, of Byrd's Creek Wis. 5235:

Creek, Wis., says:

"I have taken all the Tablets I got of you and they have done their work well in my 'case, for I feel like a different person altogether. I don't doubt if I had not got them I should have been at rest by this time."

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H. E. Willard, Onslow, Ia. says: "Mr. White of Canton, was telling me of your Dyspepsia Tablets curing him of Dyspepsia from which he suffered for eight years. As I am a sufferer myself I wish you to send me a package by return mail."

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Phil Brooks, Detroit, Mich., says:

"Your Dyspepsia cure has worked wonders in my case. I suffered for years from dyspepsia, but am now entirely cured and enjoy life as I never have beon C. & O

Passenger train No. 2, from the West, collided with a switch engine near the company's shops in this city early yesterday morning, doing considerable dameter to decide



Not Yet Sold to Williams Syndicate, But it May Be.

GIVES TURKEYS TO WIDOWS

Col. Bowden Denles That Political Prestigo Has Passed to the Hands of Hugh Gornon Miller-Suit for Alienation.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., December 24 .- The Hampton Roads Railway and Electric Company is not bought by the Williams syndicate. That is the statement made by the officials here. It might be sold, however, for 200 men are at work to open a street in Phoebus, that the company was not allowed to use, except by the payment of \$14,000.

The company applied for the privilege of the light of way at the last session of the Legislature with varying success. This is the only independent road in the Peninsua. The Williams sydicate control all others.

SUIT FOR ALIENIATION. A suit for alenation and \$10,000 will follow the judgment of court this morning. This is the case of James Dunn against S. C. Davidson, who was the corespondent in the suit of James Dunn against Josephine, his wife, for divorce. This morning Judge Martin overruled the plea of demu rer and affirmed the judgment of divorce. That clears the way for a suit of the husband against the co-respondent for damages. That suit will involve the validity of some of the or dinances of the City Council, of which the co-respondent is a member. He is a representative from the Fourth Ward but in the testimony given in the divorce trial the evidence showed that he is a boarder living with Mrs. Dunn in the Third Ward.

The question will arise if the ordinances passed while the co-respondent was representing one ward and living in another are valid.

NEGRO BADLY CUT.
Richard Tu ner was brought to the po ice headquarters this afternoon suf-fering from several severe cuts. Victoria

Perkins, a notorious negro woman of Chesapeake Lane, and arrested for the cutting. She said that Turner had at-tempted to beat her, and she had defended herself with a razor. The wounds were sewed by Drs. Riddick and Speight. They are on the left arm and on the head. They are flesh wounds, but during the painful operation of stitching them the man fainted. There was ro Alther explanation of the cause of the cutting. The woman was sent to jail and the man to the hospital.

COLONEL BOWDEN RETURNED.

Colonel George E Bowden returned home from Washington, where he was summoned to confer with the Pres'dent in regard to the appointments in this city, satisfied. He says his trip was satisfactory to him. He has nothing to say in regard to the results, but he is evidently well assured that his influence in Virginia affairs has not been transin Virginia arairs has not been trans-ferred to the shoulders of Hugh G. Miller, although he had nothing to say on that subject. If that be true, Mr. Miller has been enjoying a great deal of credit for things he did not do. Thus, it is vue that Mr. Miller may have influ-enced the President to change the deci-sion in recard to civing his office to Mr. sion in regard to giving his office to Mr. Coles, when there were no charges against him, Miller, and when neither Colonel Bowden nor any one else here wished to have him summarily dismissed in that manner, but it is certainly not true that President Roosevelt has ever thought of turning over the patronage of this State to Mr. Miller. It seems evident now that the officers for the vacancies here, the collector and the rostoffice, will not be determined, or at least, not be announced till after the However that may be, those ho'idays. best informed here declare that Mr.
Miller has been getting entirely too much or dit for influence with the President. There is no doubt that Colonel Bowden's visit revealed that, but Colonel Bowden does not say so himself.

TURKETS GIVEN TO WIDOWS. Chief of Pol'ce Vell'nes distributed 120 fat turkeys among that many widows whom he knew to be poor and worthy from the fund he raised from the sale of a handsome gold bracelet given to him for that purpose by a wealthly women. He said every turkey was properly given and he is sorry he had no more to give. CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Willie Jenkins, three years old, a negro was burned to death in Godfrey Avenue Barbourville. His mother left the house. Before she could return from the store. the house was in flames. The floor of the house was burned when neighbors rushed in to entinguishing it. The child died in three hours.

#### SPENCE INJURED. BUT NOT SERIOUSLY

The following item from the Baltimore Sun of yesterday will be read with inter-

The following item from the Baltimore Sun of yesterday will be read with interest here, as the gentieman to whom it refers has been a very generous friend of Un'on Theological Seminary:

Mr. W. W. Spence, the well known financler, who had a bad fall on Monday norming at his home, No. 1205 St. Paul Street, was reported vesterday afternoon to be suffering considerable pain.

Dr. John M. T. Finney. Mr. Spence's physician says, that beyond a few bruises and a bad strain the sufferer is not injured, and that no ill results are likely to follow the accident.

Having finished his breakfast, Mr. Spence was on his way up the wide front staircase and was near the top, when his little granddaughter, Miss Ida Lee Spence, called to him. In turning to reply Mr. Spence missed his footing, and falling backward, rolled to within a few steps of the bottom of the staircase, where he was found by a servant, who was the first to reach the scene. The stairway is a long, wide structure of dark wood, and the fact that it is only slightly winding saved the capitalist from sustaining more serious injuries.

Mr. Spence's health has been excellent for some time, so that he is not likely to suffer greatly from the shock of the fall. It is believed that he will again be in his office within a few days.

#### PAID OUT A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK. December 24 - The sub-treasury to-day paid out \$250.00) on telegraph'e order from San Francisco. transferred \$500,000 to New Orleans for local banks.

### **ELECTRIC LIGHTS**

CHRISTMAS GIFT

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
FAYETTEVILLE N. C. December 2.—
The button has just been pressed and
Fayetteville lighted by electricity amid a great hurrah and rejoicing.

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW America's prince of after dinner orators recently

stated that our foodstuffs feed the world. Amer-

is destined to breakfast the world. It is scientifically prepared and build up stomachs that have almost been ruined by heavy meat diets. As a nerve builder and for weakly children its worth its weight in gold. Ask also for TRYABITA HULLED CORN. Send us your grocers name and 4 cents in stampe and we will send you FREE a startling novelty, a doll receipt book and a sample package or Tryabita.

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Battle Creek, Mich.

### KEEPING A WATCH ON THE PRINCESS

#### All of Her Movements in Geneva Are Being Very Carefully Observed

(By Associated Press.) RERLIN, December 24.-The Lokal An-

zelger to-day prints a dispatch from Dresden saying that King George, of Saxony, sent several of the highest police officials to Geneva to observe and report on the actions of the fugitive Crown Princess Louise. One of them returned yesterday by way of Vienna; the others will remain at Geneva.

A divorce for the Crown Prince and Crown Princess is regarded as impossible during the lifetime of King George, who entertains stringent religious scruples against divorce. The Protestant clergy. however, hope that Berlin will bring pressure to bear for a divorce.

The Crown Prince beat the Crown Prince cess, according to an editorial statement in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most

careful newspapers published in Berlin, which adds:
"Their disagreements reached this crisis in June, after Professor Giron became the children's tutor. The Crown Princess at this time considered seeking a divorce and visited her best friend, the Princess Therese, of Bavaria, who dissuaded her. The Princess, however, after returning to Dresden, did not resume marital rela-

### THE HUMBERTS AND THEIR CRIME

#### This Matter Is One of the Biggest Sensations Paris Ever Had.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Dec. 24 .- As a result of a conference between Premier Combes and Minister of Justice Vallee complete arrangements have been made for the reception of the members of the Humbert Combined with the precaution of the members of the Humbert Weather Was Clear, Track Was

rangements have been made for the reception of the members of the Humbert family now under arrest, but the precaution has been taken not to disclose what prison the fugitives will occupy, as a popular demonstration is feared.

The Government deputies are showing great activity in preparing for the prosecution of the prisoners.

M. Henncon, chief of detectives, who has gone to Madrid, is accompanied by four civil guards, four police inspectors and two of the best detectives in the service. It is said they will occupy a special car with the prisoners, whose arrival is awaited in Paris with intense interest. The affair continues to be the universal topic for discussion and even affects the Christmas shopping, many novelties depicting events in the famous case, such as miniature safes, as empty as the original.

The nature of the legal proceedings has not yet been definitely settled. The statement in the extradition papers that the accused are charged with swindling and irregular bankruptcy proceedings, gives a general idea of the lines of the prosecution. The creditors are chiefly interested in rescuing the remnant of their assets, and plans are on foot for a meeting of the creditors with a view to arranging an equitable division.

#### FOUGHT IMPROMPTU DUEL; **BOTH WERE WOUNDED**

(By Associated Press.)
NICHOLS, GA., December 24.—Sam P. Padgett and John Buchanan, young white, men, fought an impromptu duel on the street this morning, as a consequence of which Padgett is dying and Buchanan is seriously wounded. The two young men married sisters, and while the caure of the trouble is not known, it is beliaved to be a family disagreement. Padgett and Buchanan have heretofore been friendly, but on meeting to-day each drew a revolver and began shooting. Padgett was shot through the chest near the heart and cannot recover.

#### SHOT AND KILLED

A Terrible Shooting Affair in Buchanan Cou ty.

Cou ty.

(Special Dispetch to The Times.)

TAZEWELL. VA., Dec. 24.—News has just reached here of a difficulty which occurred a few days ago near Grundy, the county seat of Buchanan, in which Paris Compton was shot and killed.

Compton had been showing coal lands to prospective buyers in the mountain, and on his way home stopped at the house of a man named Justus, at which there was a dance. During the early part of the night several fights occurred, and wifen Compton attempted to command fuscus occurred. Justus was shot three times, but will recover. Compton died the next day, leaving a wife and a large number of small children.

Sargeant McClintock and Sheriff Bandy continue ill, with no change for the better in their condition.

First assistant clerk of the Senate, T. A. Lyng, and wife and Representative www. L. Moore are spending the holidays at home.

The Misses Gwyn, of Mississippi, students of the Mary Baldwin Institute at Staunton, are spending the holidays with Miss Nannie Gliespie, daughter of A. P. Gillespie. A splendid party was Street.



Chalmers' Gelatine All Ideal

Dinners.... will include a delicious

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Southern Agents **Eichmond**, Virginia.

siven in honor of the young ladies last night.

Mrs. Barnes Gillespie, wife of the Commonweath's attorney of Tazewell county, returned Monday from a visit to her mother, who has been extremely ill at Rural Retreat.

The Coffee Hotel, one of the leading hostelries of the town, has been leased by Deputy Sheriff R. S. Gillespie and will be run now as a private boarding-house.

## RESULT OF RACES IN CRESCENT CITY

Fast and Hiram Johnson a Winner.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 24.-Weather clear; track fast. Summary:

First race-solling, seven furlongs-Hiram Johnson (7 to 1) first, Major Tenny (even) second, Lemoyne (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:28. (even) second, Lemoyne (19 to 1) third. Time. 1:28.

Second race—five furlongs—Athlene (3 to 1) first. Agnes Mack (25 to 1) second. Harry (ii to 5) third. Time. 1:02.

Third race—selling, six and a half furlongs—Boundle (10 to 1) first. Sister Kate II. (30 to 1) second. Bronze Demon (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:21 4-5.

Fourth race—one mile—Eisle (5 to 3) first. Little Scout (5 to 2) second. Artena (12 to 1) third. Time. 1:424.

Fifth race—selling, one mile and a six teenth—Sarilla (even) first. Mosketo (7 to 2) second, Marios (7 to 1) third. Time. 1:26.

Sixth race—selling, six and a half fur-longs—Bummer (3 to 1) first. Ed. L (10 to 1) second, Flaneur (20 to 1) third. Time, 1:21 4-5.

## **BILLION DOLLARS** TO CONTROL GAS

John D. Rockefeller Is Said to Be a Large Stockholder in

the Trust (By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., December 24.-The Daily News to-day says that capital to the amount of nearly a billion dol'ars is reported to be represented in the forms-

tion of a gigantic gas trust, which will include the different companies in nearly all the principal cities of Europe and the large interests or London. A Chicago man is alleged to be the originator of the scheme and Chicago and New York capital is represented in the project.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with John D. Rockefeller is credited with being a prospective stockholder to the amount of \$300,000,000. Other New Yo'k capitalists said to be interested are Anthony Brady. D. O. Mills and A. B. Flower and C. K. G. Billings, of the People's Gas, Light and Coke Company. Anthony Brady, said to be one of the prime movers in the ventura, the stery runs, will leave within tan days for Parks to perfect the details.

Mr. J. Beverly Harvie, of New York, reached the city last night to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B Beverla, of No. 112 South Third

to perfect the details.

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